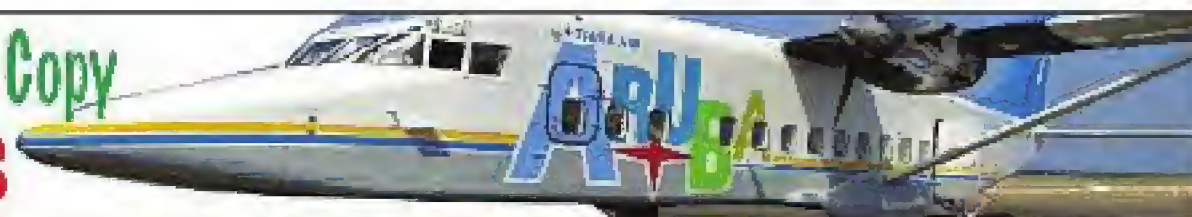


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THE MORNING NEWS is proud of the latest from their reporter/photographer Rosalie Klein

Editors of THE MORNING NEWS are proud to boast island journalist Rosalie Klein as their principal reporter and photographer; her photos of Aruba have been exhibited on numerous occasions, garnering critical acclaim.

The newspaper staff was very pleased to learn that a number of her photos can now be taken home as a unique souvenir of Aruba, as they adorn the wrappings of a line of excellent chocolates distributed on the island exclusively by Debra Trading N.V.

Long a staple in souvenir shops, the distributors decided they needed to update the collection of scenes of Aruba that adorn the chocolates, with quality photos iconic images. TMN photographer Rosalie Klein was recommended to them for her vast collection of photos she has accumulated over the years.

The collection of photos are wrapped around a fine tasting treat, which will certainly win the approval of the most finicky of chocolate



Rosalie Klein and the souvenir chocolates

aficionados. They are boxed in various sized selections of milk chocolate wafers and larger bars in a variety of flavors, including toffee, dark, caramel and almond. They are beautifully boxed for gift giving. A more distinctive and welcome reminder of Aruba as a gift for friends, family and colleagues back home will be hard to find, particularly at such moderate prices.

This special collection of Aruba photo chocolates can be found at many souvenir shops around the island and in the candy aisle of Super Food Plaza market.

The Long-awaited Book on Cancer is Out!



ORANJESTAD -- Many of us still remember his book on Menopause which became a number one national best-seller both on Aruba and in Curacao and Bonaire! His inimitable writing style and profound investigation has made all of his books very popular with all readers. He has distinguished himself as one who can take the most complex theme and make it understandable to any layman. His books are simply well-organized, and written in expert simple Papiamentol! We are referring to books written by Aruban Psychologist, Tony Green.

Last Friday, during an interesting seminar on Natural Cures in the Cas Di Cultura, he launched his most recent book titled... "Cura Bo Mes Di Cancer...un realidad si bo sa con" (Cure Yourself of Cancer...a reality if you know how).

In this manner Psychologist Tony Green has once more delivered his fellowmen a treasure house of information on the subject of the cure of cancer. His book offers real proven cures for cancer using only natural remedies. Those who have already obtained the book are raving about it and have begun spreading the word. In a few words, their comments are...the book is tremendous!

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'Obama: Jury has spoken' on killing of black teen

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama yesterday appealed for calm after an acquittal in the killing of black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying: "We are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken."

"I now ask every American to respect the call for calm reflection from two parents who lost their young son," he said in a statement the day after a jury found neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman not guilty in a racially-charged trial.

Obama, who had spoken emotively on the case before, noting that if he had a son he would have "looked like Trayvon Martin," reiterated that the impact of the death went much wider than the Florida town of Sanford.

"The death of Trayvon Martin was a tragedy. Not just for his family, or for any one community, but for America. I know this case has elicited strong passions. And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher."

He tied the killing of the teenager to the problems surrounding gun use in the United States, an issue on which the president tried but failed to push through new control measures earlier this year.

"We should ask ourselves if we're doing all we can to stem the tide of gun violence that claims too many lives across this country on a daily basis," Obama said.

"We should ask ourselves, as individuals and as a society, how we can prevent future tragedies like this. As citizens, that's a job for all of us. That's the way to honor Trayvon Martin."

Zimmerman, 29, had been accused of pursuing Martin, 17, through a gated community in Sanford, and shooting him during an altercation on the rainy night of February 26, 2012.

A six-woman jury late Saturday acquitted Zimmerman, with spontaneous protests breaking out soon after in US cities including San Francisco, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and Atlanta.

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Hundreds protest in New York over Zimmerman acquittal



Top photo shows people holding hands in a circle at a rally honoring Trayvon Martin at Union Square in

Manhattan, New York City, yesterday.

Photo at left shows a police officer standing by a chalk outline honoring Trayvon Martin. Right photo is of Chuck Helms holding a sign during the demonstration.

Hundreds protested in New York yesterday against the acquittal of neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman, a day after his trial for killing unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin ended in



Florida.

Many who gathered in Union Square brandished signs bearing a portrait of Martin and some, despite the sweltering July heat, wore "hoodie" sweatshirts, as the 17-year-old did the night he was killed in February 2012. (AFP)

Captain Tony recognized in his barrio for his support of culture and folklore



Antonio "Tony Hippie" Werleman was born in Santa Cruz but lived a great part of his life in Alto Vista. He has two passions, his wife Johanna Werleman-Wolff, whom he has known since he was 8 years old, and music. Since his third birthday he fell in love with the TRE, a type of guitar.

Tony has dedicated more than 80 years of his life promoting Aruba's culture and folklore. This was recognized last week by the Prime Minister of Aruba in an encounter at his home with his family at Alto Vista 12.

Tony lives in an old style Alto Vista home replete with lovely decorations of ceramic pots and dolls.

Although Tony has nine children - seven girls and two boys, only one of them has followed in his steps. Miguel, like his father plays the Organ Grinder, maracas, accordion, but had no patience to learn guitar or cuarta. "My father has a natural talent," says Miguel. "He never took lesson in musical instruments, but he has taught many children and youngsters how to play them."

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LONDON: Artist Kaya Mar poses with paintings of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II (R) and Catherine (L), Duchess of Cambridge, outside the Lindo Wing of Saint Mary's Hospital in London, where Prince William and his wife Catherine's baby will be born. Britain's royal family and the world's media are on tenterhooks awaiting the birth of Prince William and wife Catherine's first child, a baby who will one day be king or queen of Britain and a diverse group of commonwealth countries. (AFP PHOTO)

Medical graduate from the region to work in our Hospital



The situation of doctors having studied in the region has been a matter of discussion in the past months. Reason? Their diplomas do not qualify for the Dutch BIG registration.

A commission was called into life to study this situation. They have even been collecting signatures to give support to the group who have studied in the region and as a result cannot work in our medical institutions on Aruba because their diploma cannot be BIG registered, as indicated by law.

In the Netherlands, the provision of healthcare services by individual practitioners is regulated by the 'Wet op de Beroepen in de Individuele Gezondheidszorg (Individual Healthcare Professions Act), generally known by its Dutch acronym, 'BIG'.

The government and the Hospital together with 'Vrije Universiteit' (VU) Amsterdam have been working on a solution for the problem. However, before this process can be completed, they worked on another process to give our young people who have returned to the island the opportunity to exercise their training and expertise. Last week, Dr. Augusto Bermudez received



his badge to be allowed into the Hospital to work during an 8 weeks period in the emergency department under the supervision of our experienced specialists. At the end of the weeks his work will be evaluated and if the specialists consider his work to be satisfactory he will be allowed to work at 'Instituto Medico San Nicolas' (IMSAN) as Emergency Physician in the emergency department, examining incoming patients and treating or referring them to the appropriate physician specialist.

In the presence of ER Department Head Dr. Daryanani, Support Manager of the ER Department Nurse Imelda de Palm, ER Medical Director Dr.

Falconi, Dr. Huisman, who will evaluate Dr. Bermudez and other dignitaries, Dr. Bermudez received his badge. He will be working in the emergency room of the Hospital. This was a moment of joy for Bermudez. After many obstacles, he finally succeeded in getting the opportunity to practice the medicine he studied in our region.

Many Aruban youngsters choose to study medicine in the region. This is occasioned by family circumstances. One factor is parents who may have also studied in the region who pass on this experience to their children.

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Book on Cancer is Out!

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The new book of 156 pages poses a very attractive cover designed by Graphic Artist, Alvaro Maya Agreda. Psychologist Tony Green emphasizes in his book that a diagnosis of cancer does not have to be a death sentence if you know what to do to combat the disease. In the book he offers an array of options someone with cancer can choose to change the course of the disease and to save his own life.

In the new book... "Cure Yourself of Cancer... a reality if you know how," Green explains how cancer starts in the human body, how it spreads, how to avoid getting the disease, and numerous more information in the 17 chapters. As a BONUS we have included a chapter on how to cure Alzheimer's without prescription medicine.

Here are a few of the chapter topics:

- What ought to be the role of your doctor?
- What is expected of you to be cured?
- Cancer symptoms often ignored by women
- What about Mammograms?
- Why choose alternative treatment?
- Breast cancer is very serious... go test.

Everything indicates that this new book is also going to be a number one national best seller. The prestigious printing house Interpret was in charge of printing this new book. Interpret did a marvelous job as usual.

Tony Green's first seminar on How to Cure Yourself Using Natural Means is scheduled for July 19 in the Biblioteca Nacional - Aruba's National Library in Oranjestad - from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Entrance is Fls. 5.

Someone remarked... "this book was certainly missing in our community where cancer has become so widespread among both old and young alike. We understand that companies are contemplating purchasing copies especially for their female employees... those most vulnerable to this devastating disease!"

We congratulate Psychologist Tony Green for this remarkable contribution... another book that could potentially save many lives. Pabien!!



Captain Tony recognized for his support...

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Outside on the terrace they displayed all the beautiful musical instruments of Captain Tony, among them a 1905 music box.

Tony worked for most of his life at the Lago Refinery, after that he worked as a mason at the Noord Cemetery, but he is mostly known

as the long slim guy with the captain's cap who plays all sorts of instruments.

A remarkable thing is that Tony's wife joins him in his passion for music. While Tony plays the organ grinder, she accompanies him the wiri, a local instrument.

Although Tony had a busy life caring for his large family, he always found time for his music. He started various musical bands and participated for many years in Dande Festivals. Tony could be seen in all folkloric musical festivals. Hence, his recognition from the government for his tremendous contribution to music on Aruba.

Medical graduate... to work in our Hospital

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This, according to the Prime Minister gives the government a complicated situation because of the BIG registration imposed to guarantee the quality of our medical care. The study of medicine has to do with a matter of life and death; hence we must be very cautious about the education these young people receive in the region.

After much deliberation, even in a National Social Dialogue, the government has finally come up with a solution. Finally on November 28th of last year an agreement was reached with the association of Aruban specialists, primary care doctors, Hospital Board and IMSAN. In the agreement it is noted that we are conscious of the fact that many of our graduates return with diplomas that

are not automatically BIG registered and that we must afford them the opportunity to enter the labor market. Hence, a special protocol was agreed upon.

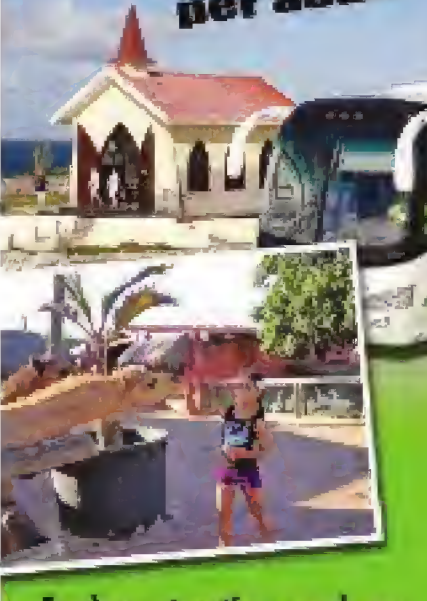
Doctor Huisman was contracted to work on it, and together with all instances involved and graduates, they delineated a special process to follow. Thus, they can choose three possibilities for the graduates; work as emergency doctors, receiving doctors, or the students have the opportunity to have their diplomas certified based on an analysis, and eventually receive a decree that would allow them to practice medicine in Aruba.

Augusto Bermudez is the first graduate to make use of the first position.



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World famed dancers coming to Aruba to conduct a workshop

International Festival of Dance at Cas di Cultura August 5-10

Aruba's Cas di Cultura is proud to announce they will be hosting an International Festival of Dance from August 5 through 10, with workshops and performances by three of the most renowned performers in the international world of dance.

Artistic Producers for the festival are Adriana and Leonid Kozlov, who for years have been part-time residents of Aruba, bringing his famous production of "Nutcracker" to the island at

holiday time over the last five years. Mr. Kozlov was a principle dancer of the Bolshoi and New York Ballet, Creative Director of the Australian National Ballet and New Jersey Ballet, and star of George Balanchine's Broadway revival of "On Your Toes." His wife, Adriana, is a prima ballerina and noted dance instructor. They will conduct a classical ballet workshop which combines the fluid Russian style with the light and quick Balanchine style.

Joining the Koslovs will be the highest caliber of professional dancers in modern dance, Christine Dakin and Tommie Waheed Evans. Christine Dakin is a former artistic director and principal dancer of the Martha Graham Dance Company. Ms. Dakin is in high demand as a Graham technique instructor, having worked extensively with Martha Graham. Among her many honors was the Dance Magazine Award (1994), and she was a Fulbright Senior Scholar (1999.) She is the recipient of two Rockefeller-US-Mexico Fund for

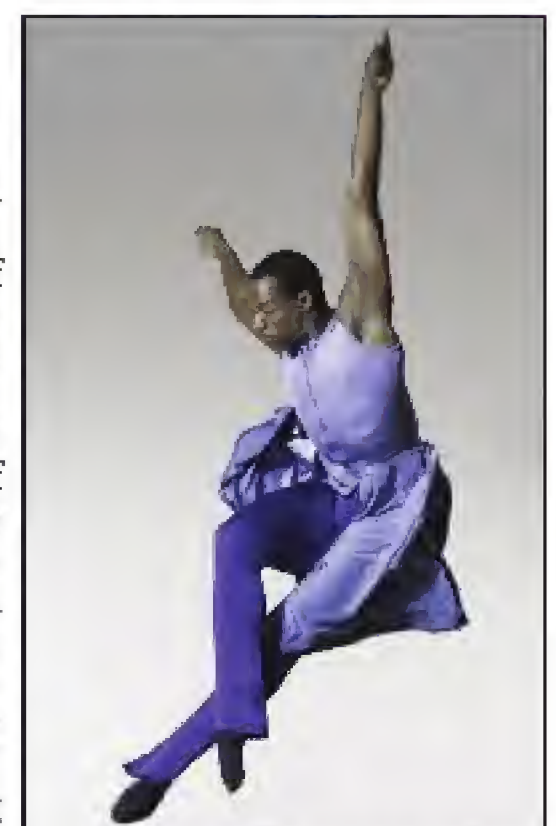
Culture grants (1998, 2001) for choreography, research and teaching. She is currently faculty at The Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre and the Ailey School in New York. Ms. Dakin is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Entertainment."

Tommie Waheed Evans is an alumnus of the Ailey Dance School. He has performed at Radio City Music Hall, during the Oscars and been featured on TV shows, as well as the Lula Washington Dance Theater, Complexions Contemporary Ballet and is a principal dancer with the Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO!) He founded his own dance project, "Waheed Works" while continuing to give master classes on the road with PHILADANCO, which in 2012 received a National Medal of Arts and Humanities from President Barack Obama.

This exciting mix of top talent will be giving stimulating workshops at Cas di Cultura beginning on August 5, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily. The festival will end with gala performance in the

main auditorium on Saturday evening, August 10, with the stars and participants in the workshops. Dance disciplines taught will be Classic, Contemporary and Modern. Films of noted performances and discussion of dance technique will punctuate the workshops, which are open to all dancers from the ages of nine years old and up. There will be a Junior Workshop specifically for children ages five to eight years old, daily, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Cost of the workshops are 175 Aruban florins (\$100) for the full day, including lunch, and 50 Aruban florins (\$28) for the Junior Workshop.

During the week of the festival, there will also be an exhibit in the Cas di Cultura exposition room of the life and career of Leonid Kozlov, from the time he was selected by the Bolshoi Ballet at the age of 12, to become part of their company. He defected to the west in 1979 and has toured and performed in nearly every capital city in the world, as well as across the U.S. Mr. Kozlov and

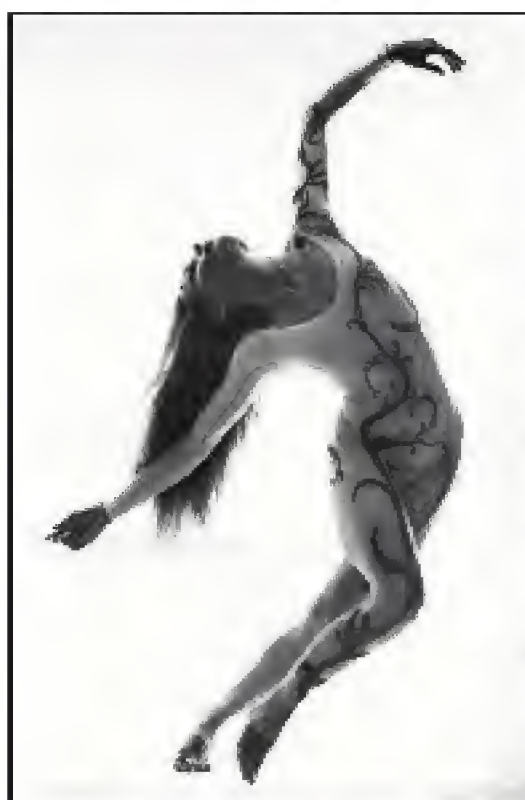


Tommie Waheed Evans

Adriana after being long-time visitors to Aruba annually, have now made it their permanent home.

Interested parties can sign up for the workshops and purchase tickets for the final gala performance of the Aruba International Dance Festival at the Cas di Cultura offices, or call 582-1010 or visit the website: www.dancearuba.com.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'Obama: Jury has spoken'

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The trial aroused strong passions among those who believed that Zimmerman, whose father is white and whose mother is Peruvian, racially-profiled and stalked Martin, and those convinced he acted in self-defense.

In Oakland, California, protesters smashed windows and spray painted cars, but most overnight demonstrations were peaceful.

Martin's father, Tracy, and mother Sybrina Fulton before the trial had asked the public to respect the verdict and afterward gave thanks for the outpouring of support they had received over the past year.

The Martin family's attorney Benjamin Crump declined to say whether they would file

a civil lawsuit against Zimmerman, but said "they are going to certainly look at that as an option."

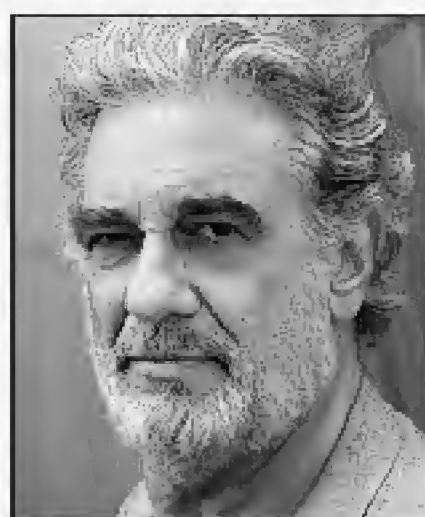
"They deeply want a sense of justice. They deeply don't want their son's death to be in vain," he told ABC News's "This Week."

Community leaders called for non-violent demonstrations after the verdict.

The NAACP, the largest US civil rights group, urged supporters to sign a letter asking Attorney General Eric Holder to file civil rights charges against Zimmerman.

The Department of Justice said Sunday they continued to have an open investigation into the case, following the Florida trial.

Domingo doing well, to recover fully after health scare



MADRID (AFP) - Spanish opera star Plácido Domingo said yesterday that he was feeling well after treatment for a blockage in his lung, as his doctor said the tenor would make a full recovery.

The 72-year-old, popularly known for his "Three Tenors" performances with Jose Carreras and the late Luciano Pavarotti, was admitted to hospital in the Spanish capital on Monday and treated for a pulmonary embolism.

"I am lucky to be feeling very well. What hurts me the most is not to be able to sing in front of Madrid audiences," said Domingo, who was forced to cancel a string of performances.

"The doctor asked me to rest between three and four weeks," he told reporters at Madrid's opera house.

Domingo's doctor said that the star was expected to make a full recovery and resume singing.

"He will be able to recover completely and will not be constrained in his artistic and professional activities," said Carlos Gonzalez, who appeared with the tenor.

Domingo's agent had earlier in the week said that the embolism was caused by deep vein thrombosis -- a condition in which a clot forms in a deep vein, often in a leg.

The Grammy-winning singer had to cancel five performances in Daniel Catán's opera "Il Postino," due to begin at the Teatro Real in Madrid on Wednesday.

Born in Madrid, Domingo moved to Mexico as a child with his parents, who ran a company that performed zarzuela, the traditional Spanish operetta form.

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Deadly fighting traps hundreds of families in Damascus

BEIRUT (AFP) - Shelling killed at least 13 people yesterday in the Damascus district of Qaboon, where fierce fighting between the army and rebels has trapped hundreds of families, a monitor said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported a car bomb detonated outside a police station in Damascus province, killing at least three people and wounding dozens of others.

The deaths came after the Observatory warned that hundreds of families were trapped in the northeastern district by fierce fighting between troops and rebel fighters.

"There is a siege because regime snipers are posted on the outskirts of Qaboon and this makes any attempt to leave difficult," said the group. "The area has also been bombed by the army."

Regime troops have been trying for months to dislodge rebels from rear-bases they have established in parts of the outskirts of Damascus.

Footage filmed by activists in Qaboon showed smoke rising from the area as the sound of non-stop artillery and mortar fire rings out.

The Observatory said residents of the area were facing a "stifling" siege.

"There's a major shortage of food and some families have nothing to feed their children with," it said.

The Observatory also reported that dozens of people

detained in an underground makeshift prison near a mosque in Qaboon escaped when regime forces guarding the site left to join the fighting.

Overnight, the opposition National Coalition had urged the international community to act to free "200 people" they say are being held in the mosque.

Rebels fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad's government control several neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Damascus from which they are able to shell areas in the city centre, which is still in regime control.

Forces loyal to Assad have for months been trying to uproot those rear-bases, including in Qaboon and Barzeh, in northern Damascus.

Merkel calls for release of Egypt's Morsi

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday called for the release of Egypt's former president Mohamed Morsi, who was arrested on July 3 after being deposed by the army.

She said she agreed with her Foreign Affairs Minister Guido Westerwelle "that Mr. Morsi should be released" and called for "an inclusive (political) process involving all groups of the Egyptian population", speaking with public broadcaster ARD.



BUNDIBUGYO : Refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) sit and wait on July 14, 2013 at the Busunga border post near Bundibugyo, in Uganda. More than 55,000 refugees from the DRC have streamed across the border into western Uganda's Bundibugyo district, about 430 Kilometres from the capital Kampala following a rebel attack on the town of Kamungo in North Kivu province. The Red Cross are working with the United Nations and other aid agencies to set up a camp further inside Uganda, although many refugees appeared reluctant to leave. (AFP PHOTO)



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International News

Merkel urges strict EU data protection rules

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel called Sunday for EU-wide data protection rules and transparency from Internet giants such as Google and Facebook, reacting to reports of sweeping US online surveillance.

In discussions on a European privacy protection agreement, Germany would urge "that the companies here in Europe tell us whom they are giving the data to", she said, vowing that Berlin would take "a very firm stance" on the issue.

The conservative chancellor, who faces elections on September 22, told ARD public television that "internationally, we should also negotiate an agreement" and that "it would of course be good if Europe spoke with one voice".

While in Germany "we have a great federal privacy laws", this did not protect online users, Merkel said.

Because the European operations of Facebook are registered in Ireland, they are subject to Irish law, Merkel said, adding that "therefore we do need a unified European solution".

She demanded that "Internet companies such as Facebook, Google and others inform European countries whom they are handing the data to".

Merkel had last week defended the role of secret services in keeping citizens safe and praised the decades-old US-German security partnership.

The issue of state snooping is especially sensitive in Germany, which has dark memories of secret police activities under the Nazi and East German communist regimes.

In the election battle, her Social Democratic rival Peer Steinbrueck charged at the weekend that Merkel had breached her oath of office in which she vowed to protect German citizens, amid the US surveillance of their emails, web searches and telephone data.

Merkel, who has stressed the need to find a balance between security and freedom, said in the ARD interview: "What is reasonable? We are working together against terrorism, but on the other hand the protection of citizens' data must be ensured."

Accounting scandal hooks Spanish frozen fish giant

MADRID (AFP) - It boasts a fleet of 100 ships and 10,000 employees worldwide but suspected fraud at frozen seafood giant Pescanova is causing an embarrassing stink in export-hungry Spain.

After years of posting growing sales, amounting to 1.7 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) in 2011, the group that was among the world industry's leaders and the pride of the northern region of Galicia has plunged into scandal.

One evening in February, Pescanova was forced to reveal that it could not publish its 2012 accounts.

Two months later, on April 25, it filed for bankruptcy.

"That was a surprise," said Francisco Vilar, regional secretary of the food-processing federation of the main union at Pescanova, the Workers' Commissions (CCOO).

"People who work here have been here for 30, 40 years, with

MOSCOW (AFP) - US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden on Sunday marked three weeks stuck in a Moscow airport transit lounge, as a supporter warned the fugitive possessed even more secrets that could damage the US government.

Snowden, wanted by the United States for revealing sensational details of its vast spying operations, flew into Russia from Hong Kong on June 23 and has since languished in the transit zone of the capital's Sheremetyevo airport.

Breaking cover for the first time since he arrived, Snowden, who has no valid travel documents, told a group of human rights activists at the airport on Friday that he was applying for asylum in Russia until he could legally travel on

to Latin America.

But Russian officials have yet to confirm receiving such an application which, if approved, would risk further straining Moscow's already tense relations with Washington.

Meanwhile, the Guardian newspaper journalist who first published Snowden's revelations about the sweeping US surveillance programmes said Snowden possesses data that could prove far more "damaging" to the US government.

Glenn Greenwald told Argentina's La Nacion paper that the 30-year-old had chosen not to release this information.

"Snowden has enough information to cause more damage to the US government in a minute alone than anyone else has ever had in the history of

the United States," Greenwald told the paper. "But that's not his goal."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier this month that Snowden could claim asylum in Russia only if he stopped harming US interests.

The condition initially prompted the fugitive to withdraw his asylum application, before Snowden on Friday indicated he did still want refuge in the country.

Russia said it was still waiting Sunday for the expected asylum request, which Snowden had said was to be filed on Friday. It was not clear whether the hold-up was due to the weekend.

Washington has reacted sharply to the possibility that Moscow might offer Snowden a safe harbour.

utation of Pescanova, and everyone gave it to them, which was logical because they were industry leaders," said one source close to the company.

Banco Sabadell, Banco Popular, Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank, but also banks in Namibia, Bolivia, or the island of Mauritius: more than 100 banks loaned money to the frozen fish giant, which boasts of inventing refrigerated shipping in the 1960s.

Now the Pescanova president,

Manuel Fernandez de Sousa, is being investigated for suspected false accounting and insider trading. Auditors Deloitte and KPMG have been tasked to look into its accounts.

Manuel Fernandez de Sousa, who denies any embezzlement and admits only to making mistakes, admitted in a statement that Pescanova "was created and expanded almost without capital thanks to banking credits, like the great majority of Spanish companies".



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Health & Living

Texas abortion law passes despite protests

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Texas senate late Friday approved a bill setting some of the strictest limits on abortion in the United States, just weeks after a filibuster by opposition Democrats dramatically thwarted the measure.

The bill -- similar to the one that state Senator Wendy Davis helped block in a 13-hour filibuster on June 25 -- was approved 19-11, with one Democrat joining the Republican majority, local media reported.

Davis became a national hero for Democrats and supporters of abortion rights. Pro-choice advocates filled the spectator gallery Friday and held rallies outside, but were unable to prevent the bill from being approved.

Republican Governor Rick Perry has vowed to sign the

bill into law.

The bill includes a ban on abortions starting at 20 weeks after conception, unless the woman's health is in imminent danger.

It sets strict requirements for doctors performing abortions and mandates that a doctor must be present when a woman takes a pill to induce an abortion.

Texas media reported that police scuffled with noisy protesters who resisted eviction from the spectator gallery. Some protesters even chained themselves to the railing to avoid being dragged out.

Pro-choice activists say the new measure will force all but five of Texas's 42 abortion providers to close.

Abortion has been legal in the United States since the

1973 landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case.

However, in recent years conservatives in state and local offices have passed several measures aimed at curbing the practice.

In the first half of 2013 measures restricting abortion have been approved in 18 US states, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-choice research group.

Arizona, Alabama, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wisconsin have passed legislation similar to the Texas measures restricting abortion, though some are tied up in court challenges.

Despite heated opposition to the procedure from social conservatives, polls consistently show that a majority of Americans support legalized abortion.

More British soldiers committed suicide in 2012 than died in Afghanistan: BBC

LONDON (AFP) - A total of 50 serving and veteran British soldiers committed suicide last year, more than were killed fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan, according to figures reported on Sunday.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that seven serving soldiers killed themselves in 2012 and a further 14 died in suspected suicides, although inquests have not yet been held.

An investigation by the BBC found that at least 29 veterans also took their lives last year. There are no official figures.

A total of 40 British soldiers died in action in Afghanistan in the same period, while serv-

ing as part of a decade-long British deployment that reached 9,500 troops at its peak.

Relatives of those who killed themselves told the BBC the military should do more to tackle post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and treat it like a physical injury.

One soldier who committed suicide, Dan Collins, had twice survived being shot in Helmand, was blown off his feet by a roadside bomb and then witnessed a close friend killed in front of him.

He was diagnosed with PTSD and given treatment, but after 10 months the army said he had recovered. He was later released back home and on

New Year's Eve 2011, he hanged himself.

"You've got units for soldiers that are severely injured and they're treated. You should have a unit for treating soldiers with PTSD," said his mother Deana Collins.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "Every suicide is a tragedy and our thoughts remain with the families of all those who have sadly taken their own lives."

"Mental health of our personnel and veterans is a top priority for the government, that is why we have committed £7.4 million (\$11 million, 8.5 million euros) to ensure there is extensive mental health support in place for everyone who needs it."

Influenza (flu)

Influenza is a viral infection that attacks your respiratory system — your nose, throat and lungs. Influenza, commonly called the flu, is not the same as the stomach "flu" viruses that cause diarrhea and vomiting. *Your best defense against influenza is to receive an annual vaccination.*

Initially, the flu may seem like a common cold with a runny nose, sneezing and sore throat. But colds usually develop slowly, whereas the flu tends to come on suddenly. And although a cold can be a nuisance, you usually feel much worse with the flu.

Common signs and symptoms of the flu include:

- Fever over 100 F (38 C)
- Aching muscles, especially in your back, arms and legs
- Chills and sweats
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Fatigue and weakness
- Nasal congestion

Usually, you'll need nothing more than bed rest and plenty of fluids to treat the flu. But in some cases, your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medication, such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu) or zanamivir (Relenza). If taken soon after you notice symptoms, these drugs may shorten your illness by a day or so and help prevent serious complications.

Drink plenty of liquids. Choose water, juice and warm soups to prevent dehydration. Drink enough so that your urine is clear or pale yellow.

Rest. Get more sleep to help your immune system fight infection.

Consider pain relievers. Use an over-the-counter pain reliever, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others), to combat the aches associated with influenza. Don't give aspirin to children or teens because of the risk of Reye's syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal disease.

Take extra measures to reduce the spread of infection: Wash your hands thorough and frequently - Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough - Avoid crowds



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Mysterious 2,000-year-old graves, pyramid ruins found in Mexico



-- Construction work in eastern Mexico exposed an ancient settlement, including 30 skeletons and the ruins of a pyramid, believed to be up to 2,000 years old, archaeology officials announced.

At the site of the graves in the town of Jaltipan, southeast of Veracruz, archaeologists also found clay figurines, jade beads, mirrors and animal remains, according to the National Anthropology and History Institute, or INAH.

Researchers believe the settlement was occupied from around the first century A.D. until A.D. 600 or 700. Little is known about the people who lived there. The skeletons are set to be analyzed so that researchers can learn about how they were treated for burial.

Deer antlers and bones that may belong to dogs, coyotes, deer, fish and birds were buried with the bodies, perhaps as animal companions for the underworld, the researchers said. There's also evidence that the inhabitants of the site were fossil collectors; among the

numerous prehistoric remains were the fossilized teeth of a long extinct Megalodon-type shark.

The artifacts found at the site represent more than one culture. Some figurines and brickwork look Mayan, while there was also pottery that looks like it came from ancient city of Teotihuacan, the researchers say.

The pyramid found on a hill near the burials is made of stone slabs and stretches 39 feet (12 meters) tall and looks Mayan or Tajin in style, the researchers believe. While pre-Columbian stone monuments have been found in Los Tuxtlas and the Sierra de Santa Marta, archaeologists say this type of ancient stone architecture has rarely been found in the southern part of the state of Veracruz.

The team says they also discovered bricks in Jaltipan resembling those found at Comacalco, a Mayan city 74 miles (120 kilometers) away in the Tabasco region.

Typhoon kills three, forces evacuation of 500,000 in China



BEIJING (AFP) - Eastern China was battered Sunday by strong winds and torrential downpours from Typhoon Soulik which left three people dead and forced half a million people to evacuate their homes.

Soulik, which killed two people in Taiwan before barreling towards the mainland, lashed coastal Fujian province with winds of 118 kilometres per hour (73 mph) when it made landfall but had weakened to a tropical depression as it moved inland, the China Meteorological Administration said.

Three people were killed in neighbouring Guangdong province according to the official Xinhua news agency where two local meteorological stations reported 250 mm of rain fell in just 30 hours.

The onset of the storm forced hundreds of thousands from their homes across south-east China.

More than half a million people were evacuated from Fujian and neighbouring Zhejiang as the typhoon approached, with 5,500 soldiers deployed to carry out relief work if needed. A further 20,00

people were forced to relocate in Guangdong.

Xinhua news agency said almost 31,000 ships were called back to port and 20 flights cancelled.

Soulik brought torrential rain to Xiamen, with 24 centimetres of rain falling on the port city from Saturday to Sunday.

Sci-Tech

BlackBerry Z10 price drops



VACOUVER - The BlackBerry Z10 is now selling for \$99 at AT&T and Verizon, while Amazon is selling it at \$49. The price drop is aimed at breathing life into sales for the Canadian company, which lost \$84 million in the most recent quarter.

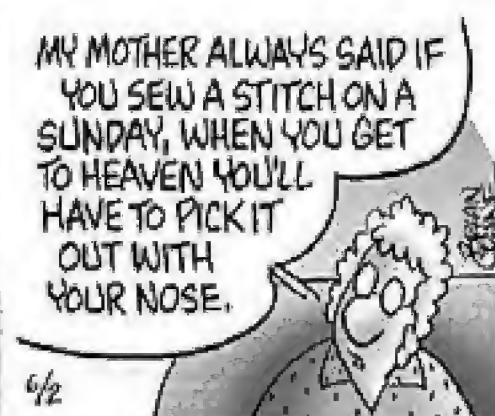
That could mean that the company is selling the stock on shelves now before it launches a second-generation smartphone with the same Z10 DNA. The price cut from the original \$199 price just four months ago isn't a good sign for BlackBerry, formerly known as Research in Motion.

Thorsten Heins, chief executive of BlackBerry, acknowledged that the launch of the latest smartphones in the U.S. didn't go as well as it hoped. BlackBerry also let go its head of U.S. sales, Richard Piasentin last month. It's an uphill battle for BlackBerry to gain market share in a field crowded with devices based on Apple's iOS, Google Android, and Windows Phone.

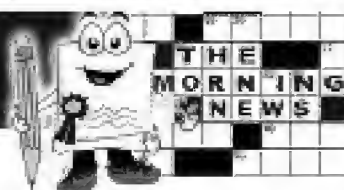


BURY (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron joined thousands of mourners on Friday at the funeral of a soldier hacked to death on a London street in a suspected Islamist attack. Thousands of members of the public lined the surrounding streets to pay their respect to Lee Rigby (25). Rigby's family thanked people "around the world" for their "overwhelming" support. His wife Rebecca, 30, attended the funeral with the couple's two-year-old son Jack, whose T-shirt bore the words: "My Daddy, My Hero".

COMICS



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1. Tulip root
5. Stewart of "Playing by Heart"
8. Crèche figures
12. Andy Taylor's boy
13. ___ tree (cornered, 2 wds.)
14. Harbinger
15. Romanov sovereign
16. Residents of the Silver State
18. Sacred song
19. Silly
20. Little demon
22. Song's words
26. Not level
29. March Madness sponsor (abbr.)
30. Big monkey
31. Cider machine
34. Kin of assoc.
35. Busy person
37. Subway coins
39. Fortify
42. Memo letters
43. Shoreline
45. Federal agent (hyph.)
49. Marine aquarium critter
52. Doughnut center
53. Emerald ___
54. Sesame and

Wall (abbr.)

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 58. Views
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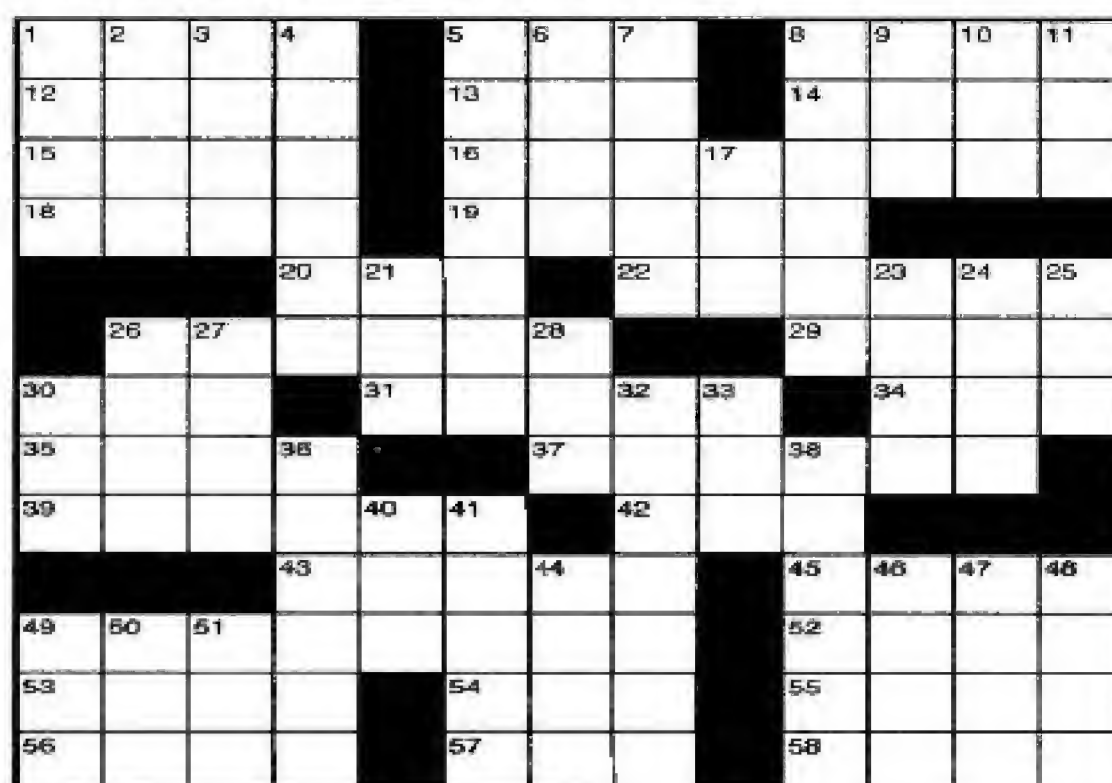
11. Those holding office
17. No specific one
21. Best on a team (abbr.)
23. Religious portrait
24. Highway vehicles
25. Sink down
26. Current with (2 wds.)
27. Poetic "never"
28. Fisherman's helper
30. Orange drink
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38. Crazy ___
40. Murmur

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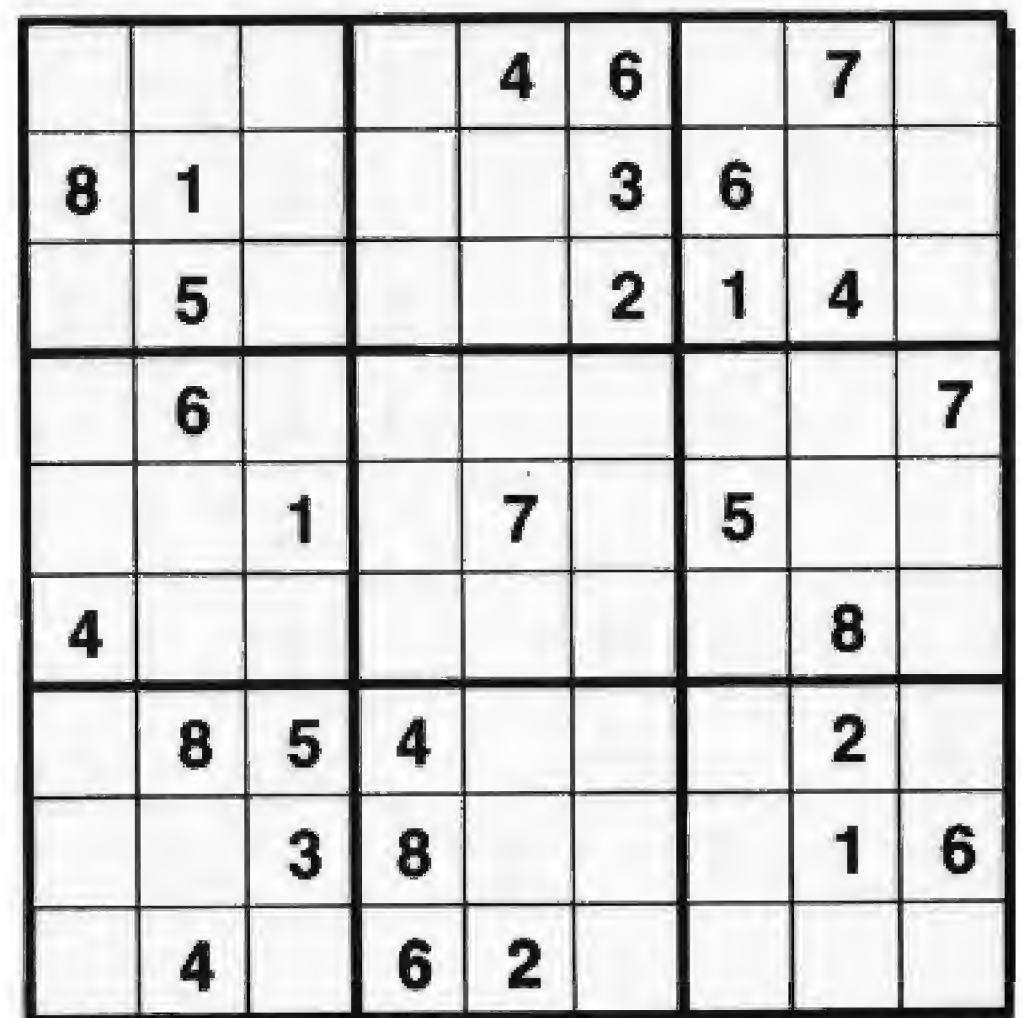
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FINANCE

French minister : 'No anonymity' for tax dodgers

GENEVA (AFP) - A crackdown on French tax evaders with hidden Swiss bank accounts is working and will accelerate, France's Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said in an interview broadcast on Swiss television yesterday.

Moscovici told Swiss public broadcaster RTS there would be "no anonymity" for those with undeclared accounts, and hailed a legal process whereby evaders could "regularise" their tax affairs by taking on certain penalties while escaping the greatest censure from the law.

The French finance ministry was receiving 95 requests a month from those wishing to come clean about their accounts, a figure that had previously been around 35, Moscovici said.

He added there would be no amnesty for those with hidden bank accounts in Switzerland, the wealthy Alpine nation long accused of protecting the privacy of its clients over obligations to tax authorities in other nations.

The finance minister's remarks came in the wake of a deal signed on Thursday in Paris between the countries that means inheritances will be taxed where the recipient, rather than the deceased, is living.

Describing a "step on the way to an automatic exchange of information", Moscovici said he hoped the accord would signal a grip that is ever tightening around French tax dodgers.

The minister stressed he had no desire to harass the Swiss, over bank secrecy, but said he wished the country might become "more European" and less isolated in its outlook.

Moscovici faced criticism over the handling of the affair of disgraced former budget minister Jerome Cahuzac, who resigned from Francois Hollande's government in March over an undeclared foreign bank account said to contain around 600,000 euros (\$770,000).



VACA MUERTA : Handout picture taken on July 11, 2013 and released by Argentina's state-owned energy giant YPF, showing its management facilities in Vaca Muerta, in the south-western Argentine province of Neuquen. Vaca Muerta ("Dead Cow"), which spreads across 30,000 square kilometers, is considered one of the largest oil shale deposits in the world and according to official estimates holds 150 million barrels of oil. (AFP PHOTO)

Fear of Fed and China slowdown take a toll

LONDON, - Emerging economies that have thrived on ultra-loose U.S. monetary policy and insatiable Chinese demand for natural resources are in for another rude wake-up call this week.

The twin tailwinds are not turning into outright headwinds. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will explain - yet again - in two days of congressional testimony that his plan to buy fewer bonds is not the same as raising interest rates.

And while China's days of double-digit growth are over,

data today should show the world's second-largest economy expanded around 7.5 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier - a pace most countries can only dream of.

Still, the trends are clear, and they make an uncomfortable backdrop for a meeting in Moscow of finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the Group of 20 leading economies.

The International Monetary Fund last week revised down its global growth projection for this year by a quarter-point to 3.1 percent, which Bart van Ark, chief economist in New York with the Conference Board, a business research group, said was between one and 1.5 percentage points below potential.

The U.S. recovery, though weak by historical standards, is putting down roots, as housing starts and retail sales figures for

June are likely to demonstrate.

"Fed policy might be right for the United States. The question is whether it's right for the rest of the global economy," van Ark said.

Capital outflows top the risk list. Indonesia and Brazil raised interest rates last week, India tightened derivatives trading rules as the rupee plunged to a record low and Turkey's central bank was a big seller of dollars to defend the lira.

Brian Reading with Lombard Street Research, a London research firm, added sagging commodity prices and slack final demand in advanced economies to the litany of woes.

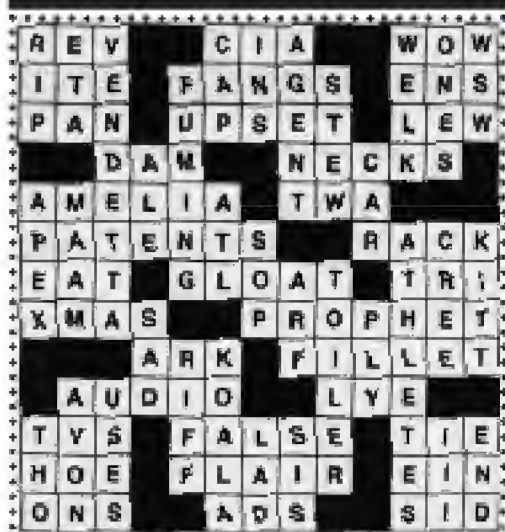
"Developing countries face a triple whammy - falling markets, falling prices and diminished capital inflows, particularly if interest rates in developed countries chase U.S. rates higher," he said in a report.

Allen & Co. annual conference kicks off



SUN VALLEY: Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO Amazon.com, arrives to the Allen & Co. annual conference July 12, 2013 in Sun Valley, Idaho. The resort will host corporate leaders for the 31st annual Allen & Co. media and technology conference where some of the wealthiest and most powerful executives in media, finance, politics and tech gather for a weeklong meetings which begins Tuesday. Past attendees included Warren Buffett, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg (AFP PHOTO)

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



Spain avoided full rescue thanks to bank bailout, says minister

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's economy minister said yesterday the eurozone's fourth-largest economy last year narrowly escaped a full state rescue thanks to an EU bailout of its ailing banking sector.

"The perception of reality was far worse than reality itself. The financial aid helped put all the cards on the table," Luis de Guindos said in an interview published in leading centre-left newspaper El Pais, referring to the bank stress tests that were then carried out.

"If Spain had not asked for financial aid, it would have ended up being rescued."

The rescue plan agreed in July 2012 offered up to 100 billion euros (\$130 billion) to save Spain's financial sector from collapsing under the bad loans left over from a housing bubble that burst in 2008.

The Spanish banks have so far taken 41.3 billion euros.

Spain plunged into recession in 2011 and market con-

cerns about the country's financial stability last year saw its financing costs soar.

In the interview, de Guindos said that Spain does not envisage asking for more funds. "A new contract would have to be negotiated and the question does not arise because the doubts have been lifted."

The minister reiterated that the Spanish economy will shortly exit from recession.

"The recession is over. The question now concerns the strength of the recovery," he said.

Spain's economy shrank by 0.5 percent on a quarterly basis in the first three months of 2013. The government is predicting a 1.3-percent economic decline this year and a slow recovery in 2014.

The International Monetary Fund forecasts a sharper contraction of 1.6 percent for Spain and the European Commission forecasts a 1.5 percent fall.

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First-ever Oscars concert planned for nominated music

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Oscars will, for the first time, hold a concert in Los Angeles featuring the songs and scores nominated for Hollywood's most prestigious prize, organizers said.

The concert will be held on February 27, 2014, at Royce Hall, at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) said an internal email from organizers obtained by AFP Friday.

The message was from the governors of the music branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Charles Fox, Arthur Hamilton and David Newman.

They noted that, during this year's ceremony, in February, all the nominated songs were performed on stage "for the first time in a number of years."

"That was a welcome return for the importance that original songs have always had in films," they wrote.

But the musical scores "have not been performed on the Oscars in a fully realized way because of the length of the show", they added.

At the concert, a symphony orchestra will perform an approximately 10-minute suite of extracts from each show, they explained.

"Subject to availability, each original composer will conduct his/her own work."

As for the songs, "it is our hope that either the original artists or the songwriter(s) will perform their own songs live."

The goal is to make the concert, planned for the week before the award ceremony, an annual event.

During the 85th Oscar ceremony this past February, the prize for best original score went to Mychael Danna for "Life of Pi," and the one for best song when to British singer Adele, for "Skyfall."

The 86th Oscars are to be held March 2, 2014 in the Dolby Theater.



'Glee' TV star Monteith found dead in Canada hotel



TORONTO (AFP) - Cory Monteith, who starred as a sensitive jock on the hit musical television series "Glee" and had struggled with substance abuse, has been found dead in a Vancouver, Canada hotel room.

No cause of death was given for the 31-year-old actor, but acting Police Chief Doug LePard said there appeared to be no evidence of foul play when he was found Saturday.

Monteith had starred in "Glee" as Finn Hudson, the star football player who joined

social outcasts in a high school glee club and sang the lead in the signature cover of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" alongside co-star and real-life girlfriend Lea Michele.

Police and paramedics were called to the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel in downtown Vancouver shortly after noon on Saturday, where they found Monteith dead.

The star of the Fox TV musical comedy-drama had checked into a rehabilitation center in April for substance abuse.

Harry Potter author Rowling writes crime novel under pseudonym



LONDON (AFP) - J.K. Rowling, the British author of the best-selling Harry Potter books, was forced to reveal on Sunday that she had published a critically acclaimed crime novel under a pseudonym.

The mother of three was unveiled by the Sunday Times newspaper as the writer of "The Cuckoo's Calling", a debut novel about a private detective who investigates a model's suicide.

It is purportedly by Robert Galbraith, described by the publisher as a former member of the Royal Military Police who has since 2003 been working in the civilian secu-

rity industry.

The newspaper looked into Galbraith after suspicions were raised at how a first-time author with a background in the military could write such an assured debut novel.

After being outed, Rowling, 47, said: "I had hoped to keep this secret a little longer because being Robert Galbraith has been such a liberating experience."

"The Cuckoo's Calling", which centres around a war veteran injured in Afghanistan, detective Cormoran Strike, won praise from fellow crime writers when it was published in April.

After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite for fresh fish and seafood



Shrimps three way

-- Veteran island visitors often recommend newcomers to the Buccaneer restaurant, on the outskirts of Palm Beach, for not only reasonably priced meals, but one of the most unique dining environments on Aruba. When it first opened 32 years ago, it started quite a

stir, and that same feeling of wonder is felt every time a patron walks in the door.

The fun and funky nautical decor is the perfect complement to the huge saltwater fish tanks that dominate the dining rooms, where every

sort of colorful local fish, along with Hawksbill turtles, moray eels and even a shark provide a constant show.

This riveting display was the vision of the founder and chef, Joseph Munzenhofer, and his son, Vasty, maintains the singular underwater ambiance with the same devotion.

Aside from a visit to the restaurant being fun for the whole family, it will also be light on the pocketbook, with a diverse and delicious selection of fresh caught specials of the day, prepared any of several ways. Have them whole or filleted, with several sauces and styles of preparation to choose from; or tell the chef your special needs, and they will happily customize the cooking to your taste or dietary requirements.

Though Buccaneer is famous for its fish and seafood dishes,



Buccaneer in Koyari

one of their regular patrons, who declares it is "my favorite restaurant on Aruba," informed us he always orders the steak or rack of lamb. A large family will find the vast selection of dishes will satisfy landlubbers and fish fanatics alike.

The restaurant also offers an early bird special daily from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. They offer a three-course meal with a choice of elegant appetizers, a fish, beef or chicken main

course, and dessert, for only \$25. It is possible to peruse their full menu at their website: <http://www.buccaneer-aruba.com> Closed on Sundays.

Regular visitors to Aruba may have noticed it is a place where restaurants open and close with a similar frequency to New York City, but Buccaneer has gone the distance, as popular with both visitors and residents as ever; it certainly must be for a good reason!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Motorcycling: Spain's Marquez wins German MotoGP



SACHSENRING (AFP) - Spanish rookie Marc Marquez earned his second win of the season with victory at the German MotoGP at Sachsenring on Sunday to go top of the championship standings.

The 20-year-old hit the front early and built up his lead to claim victory with Britain's Cal Crutchlow second and six-times world champion Valentino Rossi third.

Marquez, in his first MotoGP campaign, was following up his Grand Prix of the Amer-

icas victory in Texas in April. He has now finished on the podium in all seven races he has finished in 2013, his retirement at the Italian MotoGP the only blot.

Marquez's victory allowed him to overtake compatriot and Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa, who was forced out after fracturing his collarbone in Saturday's practice, to go top of the world standings with 138 points, two points clear of Pedrosa.



NOTTINGHAM (AFP) - England's Jonathan Trott (R) celebrates after winning the first Ashes cricket test match against Australia at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, central England, on July 14, 2014. England won the test by 14 runs and take a 1-0 lead in the best of five series.

Football: Bayern sign Barcelona's rising Spain star Thiago

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich have signed Spain Under-21 captain Thiago Alcantara from Barcelona on a four-year contract in a deal worth 25 million euros (\$32.6 million), the European champions confirmed Sunday.

New Bayern coach Pep Guardiola had said last Wednesday that "it was Thiago or nobody" on his wish list of new players at the Champions League winners and the midfielder, who had also been linked with a move to Manchester United, will fly to Munich for his medical in the coming days.

Bayern will pay 20 million euros for the 22-year-old with the extra five million coming from a future friendly match between the two clubs.

Thiago scored a first-half hat-trick for Spain in the final of last month's European Under-21 Championships to claim a 4-2 win over Italy.

Bayern claimed their sixth win from their sixth pre-season friendly on Sunday with a 4-0 win at German third division side Hansa Rostock.

But ahead of the Bundesliga resumption on August 9, Thiago's arrival will only heighten competition in Bayern's midfield with Germany star Mario Goetze, another new signing from Borussia Dortmund, also vying with stars Arjen Robben, Franck Ribery, Toni Kroos and Thomas Mueller.

SPORTS

Cycling: Froome extends lead with epic win on Mont Ventoux



VAISON-LA-ROMAINE (AFP) - Colombia's Nairo Quintana remains in contention to win two jerseys on his debut Tour de France after proving to be the only rider capable of even trying to keep up with Chris Froome on the climb of Mont Ventoux.

After his stunning attack on the unclassified Col de Pailheres in the Pyrenees on stage eight, the 23-year-old made another remarkable solo burst on Sunday's 15th stage.

However, Quintana's assault with 12 kilometres remaining on the seemingly never-ending Ventoux ultimately came too soon, and he ran out of steam as Froome strode clear to win the stage with just over one kilometre remaining.

Quintana eventually came home 29 seconds behind the stage winner, but Froome later admitted that he had expected the Colombian to cross the line first and the two even ex-

changed words on the climb as they left everyone else trailing in their wake.

Team Sky leader Froome finished just ahead of rivals 7.2km from the summit finish of the 20.8km climb to the 'Giant of Provence'.

Spain's former two-time winner Alberto Contador (Saxo) was unable to respond when Froome spun away from a small group of riders having seen many of them drop off the pace following a strong relay from Australian teammate Richie Porte.

Having started the 242.5km 15th stage 2min 48secs down on Froome, Contador finished in sixth at 1:40 to drop to 4:25 behind the leader and 11secs adrift of second-placed Dutchman Bauke Mollema.

It is Froome's fourth career stage win on the race and second of the 100th edition after his victory atop Ax-Trois-Do-maines in the Pyrenees on last Sunday's eighth stage.

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Athletics: Sprint stars Gay, Powell fail drug tests

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell, two of the four fastest men in history, sent shockwaves through the blue riband 100m on Sunday when both men failed drug tests.

Gay, the 30-year-old American who was world champion in 2007 and the fastest man in the world this year, tested positive for a banned substance and immediately withdrew from next month's world championships in Moscow.

Jamaican sprint star Powell, a former 100m world record holder, confirmed that he had tested positive for a banned stimulant at his country's national trials for Moscow.



But the 30-year-old strenuously denied any wrong doing.

Only Olympic champion and world record holder Usain Bolt (9.58sec) has gone faster than Gay, whose best of 9.69sec he shares with Yohan Blake of Jamaica. Powell is the fourth fastest man of all time with 9.72sec.

Gay told US media he had made a mistake and been let down by someone else.

USATF said they would continue to look towards USADA to help them weed out drug cheats in the sport.

Powell, also 30, took to Twitter to confirm his dope test failure.



Gay was informed by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) on Friday of his failed test and on Sunday the USA Track & Field (USATF) said he had pulled out of the world championships.

"He stated he is withdrawing," said USATF spokesperson Jill Geer.

USADA said Sunday that the 30-year-old's B sample has yet to be tested so they would not confirm or deny the failed test.

"I will confirm that a sample I gave at the National Trials in June has returned 'adverse findings'," he said. "The substance oxilofrine was found, which is considered by the authorities to be a banned stimulant."

Powell held the 100m world record between June 2005 and May 2008.

He won two bronze medals in the 100 metres at the 2007 and 2009 world championships. He also had one gold in the 4x100 metre relay in 2009.

Baseball: Lincecum throws no-hitter



SAN DIEGO (AFP) - San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum threw his first career no-hitter Saturday by striking out a season-best 13 batters as the Giants routed the San Diego Padres 9-0.

The 29-year-old American improved to five wins and nine losses on the season as he tossed the 15th no-hitter in Giants' history.

"I felt fine out there from the first pitch," Lincecum said. "Maybe just a little sweaty."

Lincecum had help Saturday, receiving some excellent defense from his teammates to earn the second no-hitter of this Major League Baseball season.

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Homer Bailey threw the first one earlier this month in a 3-0

win over Lincecum's Giants.

Lincecum's total number of pitches Saturday was 10 more than his previous career high.

The right-hander's only mistakes were a hit batter and waling four Padre batters.

It marked the first no-hitter for a San Francisco pitcher since Matt Cain tossed a perfect game in June of 2012.

The Giants have now won the first three games of their four-game series with the Padres.

They had lost 14 of their last 16 games before arriving in San Diego.

Pitcher Edison Volquez surrendered eight runs and nine hits in five innings of work for the Padres who have now lost 18 of their last 21 games.

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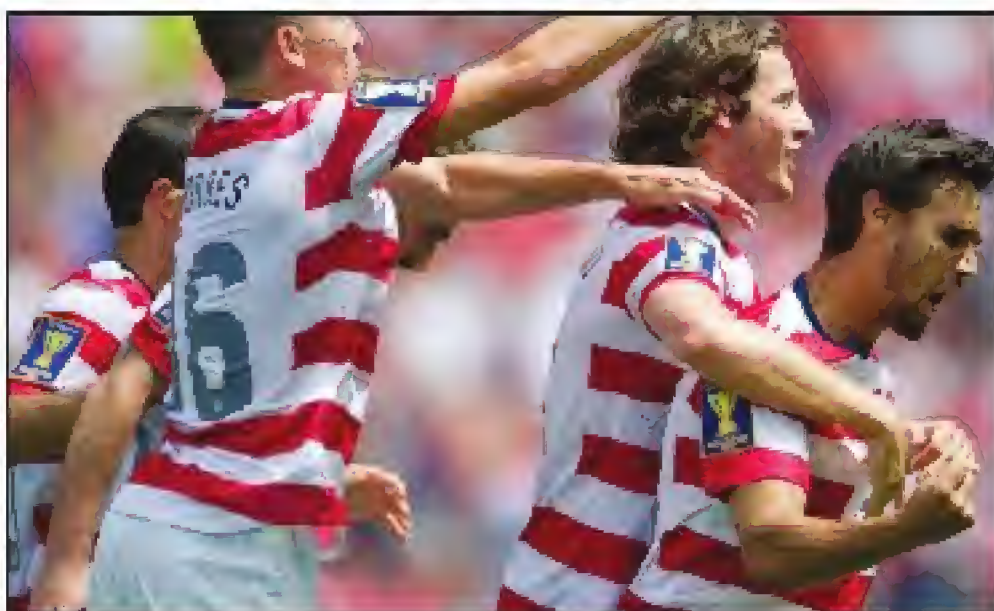
SANDY, Utah (AFP) - Chris Wondolowski scored twice as the United States men's national team routed Cuba 4-1 in a CONCACAF Gold Cup contest on Saturday.

Wondolowski now has five goals in two Gold Cup matches after scoring a first half hat trick in a 6-1 hammering of Belize on Tuesday.

Landon Donovan and Joe Corona Crespín also scored at Rio Tinto Stadium for the Americans, who advanced to the Gold Cup quarter-finals.

Cuba started quickly, scoring the first goal in the 36th minute when Jose Nieto Martinez smashed a half-volley past goalkeeper Nick Rimando.

Donovan tied the contest by scoring on a penalty kick before the close of the first half after American Edgar Castillo was brought down in the box.



Chris Wondolowski and his teammates celebrating

The Americans then dominated the second half as Corona Crespín notched his first career international goal in the 57th minute to give the USA a 2-1 lead.

Wondolowski then scored in the 66th and 84th minutes.

The San Jose Earthquakes striker made it three for the US

by redirecting Kyle Beckerman's cross to the near post just over the head of Cuba goalkeeper Odelin Molina in the 66th minute.

He capped the scoring five minutes from time by capitalizing on a failed clearance to smash home a late insurance goal.

BERLIN (AFP) - Super-middleweight champion Robert Stieglitz admitted he had some sympathy for Yuzo Kiyota after the Japanese challenger boxed on for two rounds despite blood pouring down his face from a cut eye. Stieglitz picked up the 45th win of his career from 48 professional bouts as he defended his WBO belt with a technical points win over Kiyota on Saturday. A cut over Kiyota's left eye in the eighth round eventually saw the fight stopped after 15 seconds of the 10th and Stieglitz was awarded the fight unanimously 99-90, 100-89, 99-90 by the three judges. The referee ruled the decisive cut came from a clash of heads, rather than a punch, which meant the fight was decided on points rather than Stieglitz being awarded a technical knock-out. This was the 29-year-old Kiyota's first professional bout outside of Japan and he was taken to hospital straight after the fight to have the deep cut over his left eye stitched up. Stieglitz has already turned his attention to another bout against compatriot Arthur Abraham, who he beat in March to regain the WBO title he lost to Berlin-based Abraham in August 2012, his only defeat in the last four years. Abraham faces Namibia's Willforforce Shihepo in Schwerin, north-east of Berlin, on August 24 and any future bout between Abraham and Stieglitz would be the third fight between the pair.



Golf: Mickelson ends 20-yr Euro win drought



CASTLE STUART (AFP) - Phil Mickelson heads to the British Open in the best form possible after ending a 20-year European winless drought with a play-off victory in the Scottish Open on Sunday.

Mickelson, and the highest world ranked player in the field, captured his 50th pro career success after defeating South African Branden Grace with a birdie at the first extra hole.

Both players had ended regulation play tied at 17-under

par with Grace posting a 69 and finding his way into the play-off when Mickelson horribly three-putted the last hole for bogey in a round of 68.

Danish rookie J B Hansen dropped four shots with a quadruple bogey at the second and then raced into a share of the lead with seven birdies over his next eight holes before ending with a 71 and tied in third place with third round leader Henrik Stenson (71) on 15-under par.



LONDON (AFP) - Norwich manager Chris Hughton continued his pre-season spending spree as the Premier League club signed Holland midfielder Leroy Fer from FC Twente on Saturday. Fer's move to Carrow Road on a four-year contract is believed to have cost Norwich around £4.5 million (\$6.8 million, 5.2 million euros). Fer, 23, came through the youth ranks at Excelsior before he moved to Feyenoord, making his debut in December 2007.